



**Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017**

Saturday, April 29th

- 7:00 For St. Patrick's Catechists
- 5:30 Vincent Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, April 30th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Myra Elinor Meis req. by The Corgan Family
- 10:30 Enrichetta Emidio & Alfreda Labricciosa req. by The Labricciosa Family
- Noon Mary Keogh req. by The Melinek Family
- 5:30 Ruth Donnelly Egler req. by Gerry Alfino & Lucy Alfino Egler

Monday, May 1st

- 7:00 Tom Clayton req. by The McDonald Family
- 9:00 Anne Fisher req. by Jeanne & Warren Elliott

Tuesday, May 2nd

- 7:00 Raymond White req. by Deacon Lou & Mary Santore
- 9:00 Gertrude & Leo Melican req. by The Melican Family

Wednesday, May 3rd

- 7:00 Charlie Rose req. by The Crummy Family
- 9:00 Mary Fuhrman req. by Family

Thursday, May 4th

- 7:00 Charlie Rose req. by The St. Patrick's Religious Education Program
- 9:00 Ingrid Climis req. by Jeanne & Warren Elliott

Friday, May 5th

- 7:00 Jennie Decina req. by Garibaldi & Decina Families
- 9:00 Chase Kowalski (Newtown) req. by The Smith Family

Saturday, May 6th

- 9:00 Clarence Christe req. by Victor Ziminsky, Jr.
- 5:30 John Bazzoni req. by The Bisignano Family

Sunday, May 7

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
- 9:00 Rita & Edward Costello requested by Sr. Kathleen
- 10:30 Frank Brulato req. by Voss Family
- Noon Elizabeth King req. by The Blaney Family
- 5:30 Vincent J & Vincent D Luccarelli req. by Family

RECENT COLLECTIONS

May 23rd: \$7,378
Sacred Heart: \$2,983



Pray for the Sick

Rayyan Ahsan, Tatum Allen, Virginia Barrett, Zoe Bonowitz, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Dominick Cannavo, Michael Casarella, Bernie Curran, Conner Curran, Rose DeCicco, Frankie Dezell, Maureen Doran, Helen Flower, Jean Gallagher, Jeffrey Greason, Leslie Hammerschmidt, Margaret Harrington, Francine Holley, Richard Hughes, Christine Iannino, Mirella Kahriman, Maureen Laning, John Li Conti, Dominic Lombardi, Veronica Lopez, Frank Kearns, Joyce Kersh, Kevin Mahoney, Diane Malichio, Robert Mangone, Steve Mazzei, Jim Murphy, John Pasquale, Maureen Reardon, Chris Schate, Matthew Scherer, Kirk Siegwarth, Otto Siegwarth, Mia Wiltse, Christine Young, Eileen Riley Zawada, and all who request our prayers.

It is a privilege and a duty for us to pray for those commended to our prayers. From time to time we start a new list to make sure that it is up-to-date. If we have removed someone who should remain on the list, please call the Parish Office at 234-3344.

Partner-in-Faith Prayer

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings and protection on the people of Sacred Heart Parish. We, your children at St. Patrick's, invoke your name on their behalf. We are grateful for all you have given us and in return we are mindful of those who have less than we do. Bless us all and keep us close to you. May the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, be the strength that will make us one in you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cardinal's Appeal 2017
The Annual Cardinal's Appeal is underway. Please be as generous as you can to this most important Archdiocesan charity.



The following weekends are available for flower donations in loving memory of someone or for a special intention. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements (234-3344).

May 21st May 28th
June 4th

From the Pastor's Desk

My Story – Part VI

In Second Theology (2nd year at Dunwoodie) I experienced my first real test of my faith.

I remember the day so clearly; I was at Mass and when the celebrant held up the 'Consecrated Host' I thought to myself: "That is not Jesus but it is a symbol of Jesus' love" and I had the same thought when the Chalice was raised. I did not run to my Spiritual Director but I did try for a few days to think about it and to use my intellect and my understanding of the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church to reason it out. After a few days, I started thinking that I should leave the seminary since I was unable to convince myself of the truth. The life of a Catholic Priest is centered on the Sacraments and if I could not believe in the 'True Presence' then I did not belong in Dunwoodie. One of the saddest things about this incident was how I was not discussing this situation with anyone; not any of my fellow Seminarians, not any of the young priests whom I had met during the five years leading up to this point, not any of the priests on the faculty and most curiously not my Spiritual Director, Fr. Didicus Moran, OFM, Cap.

Before I took any formal step to leave the Seminary I decided to speak with Fr. Didicus. He was stationed in Sacred Heart Church which is on the top of a high hill in Yonkers and can be seen from the seminary's property. I called and made an appointment. which surprised him since we were scheduled to see each other the following week but I did not want to stay another few days. He agreed to see me that afternoon. When we met I just stated that I had to leave the seminary and then I just started crying. I usually try to not show my emotions but I was unable to be more stoic at that point.

Fr. Didicus asked what was wrong and when I told him that I was doubting the 'True Presence' he actually smiled and said it was about time. I was taken back by his reaction but he continued to say that I had seemed to be floating through the Seminary without my faith being challenged. And now he knew that I really was taking my studies seriously, both academically and even more importantly, spiritually. He said: "I want you to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament asking God for the gift of faith and to say along with St. Peter, 'I believe, help my unbelief.'"

On the second floor, across from the Cardinal's suite, there is a small chapel which is called the Cardinal's Chapel. We were allowed to use it alone as the chandelier was not lit. It was only lit when Cardinal Cooke was in the building. Every day I would spend some time in this intimate chapel

asking God to restore my faith in the 'Real Presence'. On the ninth day I was praying in the Cardinal's Chapel and tears were streaming down my cheeks. He had helped my unbelief and 40 years later I love all the Sacraments but I have a special fondness for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the enduring 'Real Presence' of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Words of Pope Francis

THE OPEN BOOK OF MERCY

"The Gospel is the book of God's mercy, to be read and reread, because everything Jesus said and did is an expression of the Father's mercy. But not everything was written down. The Gospel of mercy remains *an open book*, in which the signs of Christ's disciples—concrete acts of love and the best witness to mercy—continue to be written. We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women today by practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, *the hallmarks of the Christian life*. Thus continues Jesus' great work on Easter day, when he poured into the hearts of his fearful disciples the Father's mercy, bringing them the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and bestows joy."

ALTAR SERVER CLASSES

Wednesdays, 6 to 7pm in the Church

May 10, 17, 24 and 31

(5:30-6:30pm on May 17th)

There is no pre-registration; just come to the class. Any questions, call Deacon Lou at (914) 393-1900 or email lsantore@yahoo.com



The Community Center of Northern Westchester is in need of baby food, formula, diapers and wipes to help serve our youngest and most vulnerable neighbors in need. (See insert.) Please keep this in mind when donating to the food collection on the first Sunday of the month.

CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated this Thursday, May 4th
at 2pm & 5pm by Bishop Peter J. Byrne.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for 2017-2018

The initial phase of Registration for Religious Education classes for 2017-2018 is **now closed**. Some classes are full but there are still available spaces in other classes. Please submit registration forms ASAP if you are interested in Religious Education classes for next year. Information and forms are available on the Parish web site. Classes are held on Sundays and Tuesdays for grades 1-8.



April 14, 2017

Dear friends in the Lord:

The completion of the Trinity Dome, in preparation for the one hundredth anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the *National Shrine* in 2020, is a monumental undertaking for which the bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place this Mother's Day.


The *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* is the patronal church of our nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This great Marian shrine exists today because of the generosity of American Catholics, the prayers of the faithful, and the hard work of the artisans and laborers who began building it nearly one hundred years ago. Mary's Shrine, also known as America's Catholic Church, is an authentic reflection of the diversity of the cultures and ethnicities of the United States and the unity and universality of the Catholic Church as evidenced in the more than eighty chapels and oratories dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

This one-time national collection for the Trinity Dome offers all of us an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by honoring our Catholic heritage and entrusting ourselves and our families to the Mother of God

Please be as generous as you can.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,


Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



Carnival Information

The 43rd Annual Carnival is Coming

This year St. Patrick's Carnival is Tuesday, May 16th, through Sunday, May 21st.

Ride tickets are on sale after Masses the weekend of May 6th and 7th. Tickets will also be on sale at the School Office, CCD Office and the Parish Office. The cost is \$25 for a 22-ticket sheet. (Sheets will cost \$30 at the Carnival.) Cash and checks are accepted; credit cards will also be accepted at the Parish Office.

We have two pages on the St. Patrick's Parish Web Site for Carnival information:

www.stpatricksbedford.org/carnival and
www.stpatricksbedford.org/raffle

News and updates about both will be posted regularly. **Raffle tickets can be purchased at both the school and office.**

In addition, we have Facebook pages for the parish and for the Carnival:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatricksparishbedford>
<https://www.facebook.com/stpatscarnival>.

Please "LIKE" and follow these pages, and share news with your friends!

For those on Twitter, the Carnival is also Tweeting: @stpats_carnival. Please follow!

High School Youth Group

The High School Youth Group will meet Sunday, May 30th, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Meeting Room.



FOUR SAINTS CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT HONORING MSGR. THOMPSON JUNE 12, 2017

The Catholic School Region of Northern Westchester/Putnam is hosting the Four Saints Cup Golf Tournament on June 12, 2017 at Hollow Brook Country Club, in Cortlandt Manor, to support each of our regional schools: St. Columbanus, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Patrick's Yorktown, and St. Patrick's Bedford. Come out and join us on this first annual event to enhance educational and technology initiatives in our schools. For more information or to sign up, go to: www.foursaintscup.com To ask questions or volunteer, contact us at foursaintscup@gmail.com.